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SUBJECT: PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: A) SECTO 1013; B) JIDDA 3484; C) STATE 109720

1. I WILL PASS ON TO FAHD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT ON JULY 10 BUT FEAR THAT IN SPITE OF FAHD'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO GET AWAY.

2. THE SAUDI FISCAL YEAR BEGINS THIS YEAR ON JULY 10. IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THAT DATE, THE SAG WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE BIGGEST GOVERNMENTAL EXERCISE OF THE WHOLE YEAR. ON JULY 10 THE BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF FANFARE, PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND EXPLANATIONS. IN PREVIOUS YEARS FAHD HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE BUDGET PRESENTATION. WE EXPECT HE WILL PLAY AN EVEN MORE PROMINENT ROLE THIS YEAR, EXPECIALLY AS THIS BUDGET WILL BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHICH IS TO BE MADE PUBLIC SOME TIME JUST BEFORE THE BUDGET.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AS LATE JUNE WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR US, COULD THE DEPARTMENT SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE DATES IN LATE JULY OR AUGUST FOR THE VISIT? IF NOT, WE CAN ALWAYS FALL BACK ON KEEPING FAHD INFORMED AND SOLICITING HIS VIEWS THROUGH SECRET

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